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SUMMARY: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS NOT RPT NOT ENTHUSIASTIC OVER
IMPENDING RESUMPTION INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. TURK AND TURK CYPRIOT
STATEMENTS MAY CAUSE FURTHER PROBLEMS THIS REGARD. END SUMMARY

1. WITH EXCEPTION COMMUNIST "HARAVGHI" AND TO MUCH
LESSER EXTENT PRO-GOVT "PHILELEFTHEROS", LOCAL GREEK
PRESS HAS SHOWN NO RPT NO ENTHUSIASM FOR DECISION TO RESUME
TALKS AND NO RPT NO DISPOSITION TO CREDIT OBVIOUSLY INSPIRED
STORIES RE TURK RETREAT ON "FEDERAL" OR UN ASSURANCES
ON "UNITARY" STATE. STRONGLY ENOSIST "ELEFThERIA" AND GRIVASITE
"ETHNIKI" CRITICIZE SHARPLY BASIS ON WHICH TALKS WILL RESUME
(REF UNFICYP STATEMENT), CALL ON GOCYPRUS TO EXPLAIN HOW ITS
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OBJECTIONS TO TURK POSITION HAVE BEEN REMOVED. LEFTIST

LYSSARIDES' "TA NEA" CALLS TALKS A "DEAD AFFAIR". CLERIDES' "AGON" ALSO GIVES THEM SHORT LEASE ON LIFE UNLESS TURKS RE-TREAT FROM DE FACTO FEDERAL POSITIONS.

2. PREDICTABLY, GREEK LANGUAGE PRESS ATTACKED COMMENTS BY TURKISH FONMIN GUNES (ANKARA 3996) AND FORMER FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL (WHO TOURING ISLAND THIS WEEK). IN MAY 24 PRESS CONFERENCE, LATTER STATED RETURN TO PRE-1963 STATUS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE SATISFACTORY FOR TURK CYPRIOTS, CITING VARIETY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES BY GOVT. CAGLAYANGIL NOTED DISCREPANCY BETWEEN GREEK CYPRIOTS' REACTION TO "FEDERATION" AND THEIR FREQUENT ESPOUSAL ENOTIST ASPIRATIONS (INCLUDING GRAFFITI ON WALLS NATIONAL GUARD CAMPS). CONCLUDED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS REPRESENT "GOOD OPPORTUNITY" BUT EXPRESSED FEAR THAT PASSAGE OF TIME RENDERS SOLUTION MORE DIFFICULT.

3. ADDITIONALLY, MAY 24 "BOZKURT" CARRIED LONG TCPA INSPIRED "ANALYSIS" OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. REPORT CLAIMS TURK CYPRIOT NEVER ACCEPTED UNITARY STATE, AS THAT CONCEPT UNDERSTOOD BY GREEKS. INCLUDES QUOTES FROM SYG CORRESPONDENCE TO DEMONSTRATE CONCEPT NOT RPT NOT CENTRAL TO TALKS' 1972 RESUMPTION. CONCLUDES APRIL 2 BREAKDOWN WAS EFFORT AT "BLACKMAIL" WHICH DID NOT RPT NOT WORK. TURKS HAVE NOT RPT NOT ABANDONED DESIRE FOR FEDERATIVE SOLUTION; TALKS CONTINUE ON BASIS BI-COMMUNAL STATE (FBIS TO TEXT).

COMMENT: TCPA MEMBER KOTAK TELLS US STATEMENT AT LEAST PARTIALLY DESIGNED TO OFFSET FEELING IN COMMUNITY THAT TURKISH SIDE MUST HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSION TO GET TALKS REACTIVATED. GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION COULD OBVIATE THAT DANGER.
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